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**American Housing Survey, 1996: Metropolitan Sample
(AHS-MS) Core and Supplement Public Use File** *[machine readable
data file]* / conducted by the Bureau of the Census for the Department of Housing and Urban
Development. --Washington: The Bureau [producer and distributor], 1997.

Type of File

Microdata.

Universe Description

The universe consists of all housing units in 9 selected metropolitan samples.

Subject-Matter Description

Statistics provided in this file focus on characteristics of the housing inventory. Data include year structure built, type and number of living quarters, occupancy status, presence of commercial or medical establishments on the property, and property value. Additional data focus on kitchen and plumbing facilities, type of heating fuel used, source of water, sewage disposal and heating and air-conditioning equipment. Data concerned with housing quality include condition of the walls and floors, adequacy of heat in winter, information on heating equipment breakdowns, availability of room electrical outlets, concealed wiring, basement and roof water leakage.

Data relating to housing expenses include mortgage or monthly rent payments, utility costs, fuel costs, property insurance costs, real estate taxes, and garbage collection fees.

Respondents who have moved recently provide information on the characteristics of the previous unit and reasons for moving.

Residents indicate the presence of and objection to neighborhood conditions such as street noise, crime, litter, commercial, institutional industrial activity, and the availability such as public transportation, schools, shopping facilities, police, and hospitals.

Information on condominiums covers amount and frequency of mortgage payment, amount of property insurance, real estate tax, utility costs, and condominium fee, with fee.

In addition to housing characteristics, data for each household member are available on age, sex, race, marital status, income, and relationship to the householder. Additional data on years of school completed, Spanish origin, length of residence, and tenure are provided for the householder.

Income sources identified on the file include wages, rent, dividends, social security, unemployment and workmen's compensation, government and private pensions, and alimony and child support.

Geographic Coverage

Data are available for a sample of housing units in the following MA's: Atlanta, GA; Cleveland, OH; Hartford, CT; Indianapolis, IN; Memphis, TN-AR-MS; Oklahoma City, OK; Seattle, WA; St. Louis, MO-IL; Sacramento, CA.

Technical Description

File Structure: Rectangular.

File Size: 9 files (one per MA), logical record count varies with each file; 2412 character logical record length.

DATA SET NAME	Record Count
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AHS96MC.ATLANTAX	4872
AHS96MC.CLEVELND	4742
AHS96MC.HARTFORD	4662
AHS96MC.INDIANAP	4797
AHS96MC.MEMPHISX	4768
AHS96MC.OKLAHOMA	4747
AHS96MC.SEATTLEX	4834
AHS96MC.STLOUISX	4787
AHS96MC.SACRAMEN	4158

File Sort Sequence: Control number

Reference Materials

The technical documentation includes the Codebook for the Annual Housing Survey 1973-1993 which is generic to all American (Annual) Housing Survey files. It also includes order forms, an overview of the survey, historical changes and a copy of the data dictionary.

The technical documentation is included with the tape. If ordered separately the cost is \$40.

Related Printed Reports

U.S. Bureau of the Census. *Current Housing Reports*, Series H170/96xx (xx is dependent on the MA for which the data are reported), "American Housing Survey for xxxx Metropolitan Area in 1991." The printed reports contain a facsimile of the survey questionnaire. For cost and availability of reports for individual MA's, contact Administrative and Customer Services Division, Customer Services (Publications), Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233. Phone: (301) 457-4100.

File Availability

Files are available on computer tape at 6250 bpi, ASCII or EBCDIC, and standard ANSI labeling, on CD-R (Compact disc-readable), and Data Extraction System (DES) in ASCII, call 301-457-4100 for price. See the attached order form.